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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 19, 2010**. Last week’s dry weather was helpful to farmers harvesting their fields. Both rice and cotton saw large increases in the amount harvested, and corn is nearly completed. However, the dryness was not beneficial to everyone: hay and cattle farmers need moisture to help with forage production. Looking towards next year, the first of the winter wheat was planted last week. Soil moisture was rated 43 percent very short, 37 percent short, and 20 adequate.

Crop progress for week ending September 19, 2010				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	100	100	100
Corn, harvested	99	96	79	86
Corn Silage, harvested	100	100	100	99
Cotton, open bolls	95	92	69	84
Cotton, harvested	37	19	0	13
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	94	91	93	94
Peanuts, harvested	15	8	0	7
Rice, mature	99	98	93	93
Rice, harvested	79	67	28	48
Sorghum, mature	100	100	99	98
Sorghum, harvested	92	87	46	80
Soybeans, turning color	93	90	77	90
Soybeans, dropping leaves	79	75	55	77
Soybeans, harvested	55	50	29	52
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	58	25	24	31
Winter Wheat, planted	2	--	0	1

Crop condition for week ending September 19, 2010					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cotton	3	8	28	50	11
Livestock	2	10	52	29	7
Pasture	9	24	53	12	2
Peanuts	0	0	30	56	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	2	12	53	33

Comments

“In this county, most of the rice has been harvested. Some of the later planted rice has shown some reduction in yields due to the extreme heat this summer. Cotton yields are proving to be very solid this year and soybeans are varying widely. Overall, producers are pleased with the harvest so far.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Good harvest weather last week; the harvest is proceeding well.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“The corn harvest is finishing up. We need rain in some areas, but the forecast is for hot and dry weather.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Rice harvest is nearing completion and the cotton and soybean harvests are moving rapidly forward. A tremendous amount of fall tillage work has also been completed.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Extreme dry conditions have stopped everything green from growing, but it has been excellent weather for row crop harvesting. Many cattlemen are waiting for a good, soaking rain.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“The sweet potato harvest is progressing rapidly with few problems. One or two more rains will finish out late planted crops and put a successful year in the books.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“Harvesting is going great. Cotton yields are good, all our corn has been harvested, and most of the rice has been as well.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Growers had a great week of harvest and fall tillage. Good progress is being made but we still need the good weather to continue.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Hot, dry weather continues to plague us. It is good for harvest, but not so good for fall seeded crops.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Some rain would be good for our pastures and hayfields. We need some moisture for winter grazing that is starting to be planted.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Farmers are in need of rain.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Harvest is moving along nicely, but heavy dew in the morning is causing the combines to start up a little later in the day.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Harvest is complete for corn, about five percent left for rice, and all but about twenty percent of soybeans. Cotton is the only crop that still has a large portion left to harvest. Fall field work has really been moving along great due to the weather.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“We have defoliated much of the cotton and the harvest is going well. The pastures look like if you struck a match, they would go up in a blaze!”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“The dry weather was great for harvesting row crops, but not beneficial for planting ryegrass. I hope the dry weather continues until after the harvest of all row crops since it is not too late to plant ryegrass.”

— Randy Smith, Covington

“Much rain is needed. Grass has started to dry out in some of the pastures due to lack of rain.”

— Thomas E. Brewer, Jefferson Davis

“Lack of rain has caused a reduction in forage production.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Hot, dry weather is increasing wildfire potential.”

— Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 19, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	97	59	78	75	3	0.00	-0.70	0	1.77
Cleveland	97	59	78	76	2	0.00	-0.77	0	3.40
Lambert 1W	99	55	80			0.00	-0.77	0	1.18
Extreme/Average	99	55	79	74	5	0.00	-0.75	0	2.12
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	100	53	78	73	5	0.00	-0.77	0	1.12
Hickory Flat	97	50	75	72	3	0.00	-0.94	0	0.72
Holly Springs	96	49	74	71	3	0.00	-0.84	0	0.84
Independence	96	52	76	73	3	0.00	-0.84	0	0.71
Oxford	96	53	77	73	4	0.00	-0.90	0	1.13
Extreme/Average	100	49	76	73	3	0.00	-0.84	0	0.90
Northeast									
Booneville	94	56	74	72	2	0.00	-0.89	0	1.36
Corinth 7SW	95	52	73	74	-1	0.30	-0.74	1	1.21
Pontotoc Exp	94	56	76	74	2	0.00	-0.98	0	1.86
Tupelo 2	94	57	77			0.00	0.00	0	1.74
Verona	96	56	77	74	3	0.00	-0.98	0	1.38
Extreme/Average	96	52	76	73	3	0.06	-0.92	0	1.51
Lower Delta									
Moorhead	99	59	80	76	4	0.00	-0.84	0	0.83
Rolling Fork	100	58	79	75	4	0.00	-0.70	0	1.83
Stoneville Exp	98	58	80	75	5	0.00	-0.78	0	2.26
Yazoo City	100	61	81	76	5	0.00	-0.64	0	1.59
Extreme/Average	100	58	80	76	4	0.00	-0.72	0	1.63
Central									
Canton 4N	100	55	79	76	3	0.00	-0.70	0	0.43
Forest 3S	95	53	76	75	1	0.00	-0.87	0	2.10
Kosciusko	94	58	77	75	2	0.00	-0.84	0	0.53
Winona 5E	98	53	76	71	5	0.00	-0.91	0	1.61
Extreme/Average	100	53	77	75	2	0.00	-0.84	0	1.17
East-Central									
Aberdeen	96	53	75	74	1	0.00	-0.91	0	0.76
Columbus	96	54	79	75	4	0.00	-0.86	0	2.43
Philadelphia	98	54	78	75	3	0.00	-0.77	0	0.83
State University	98	56	79	74	5	0.00	-0.84	0	2.73
Extreme/Average	98	53	78	75	3	0.00	-0.89	0	1.69
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	96	56	79	75	4	0.00	-0.91	0	3.30
Crystal Springs	98	59	79	76	3	0.00	-1.06	0	1.59
Natchez	96	53	77	77		0.00	-0.85	0	0.59
Port Gibson 1NE	98	55	78	74	4	0.00	-0.84	0	0.75
Vicksburg	99	58	79			0.00	0.00	0	1.29
Extreme/Average	99	53	79	76	3	0.00	-0.91	0	1.06
South-Central									
Collins	95	58	78	75	3	0.00	-0.98	0	2.65
Columbia	98	61	80	76	4	0.00	-0.98	0	1.27
Monticello	99	58	80	76	4	0.02	-0.88	1	2.51
Raleigh 6N	95	54	76			0.00	0.00	0	0.91
Extreme/Average	99	54	78	76	2	0.01	-0.97	0	1.84
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	95	63	80	77	3	0.40	-0.62	1	2.62
Laurel	97	57	79	76	3	0.00	-1.05	0	4.16
Waynesboro 2W	97	60	80	75	5	0.00	-1.12	0	2.20
Extreme/Average	97	57	79	76	3	0.13	-0.85	0	2.99
State	100	49	78	75	3	0.02	-0.86	0	1.65

DFN = Departure from Normal.